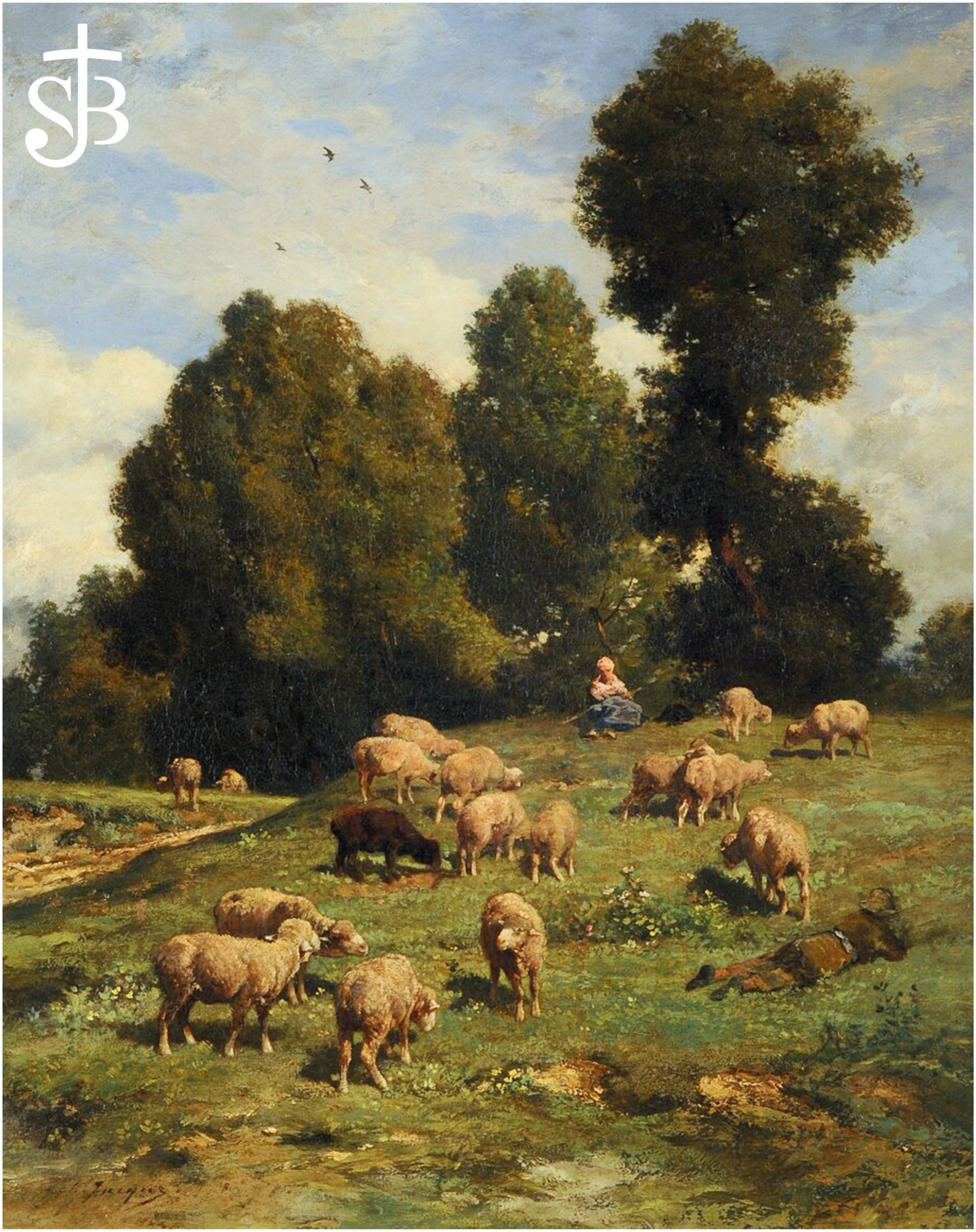

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APRIL 26, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | ARTIST: CHARLES JACQUE

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we congratulate all those who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time! As we do this, it is a moment for us to consider the way in which Jesus has drawn each one of us deeper into relationship through the Eucharist.

The interesting thing about the Eucharist is that Jesus identifies Himself as food. He says, "I Am the Bread of Life." This is an interesting statement. What should this tell us about the Eucharist? It should tell us that we need to continue to approach Jesus in the Eucharist in a continual way; after all, how often do you eat? It's not enough to eat once in your life and be sustained. Instead, you continually eat in order to sustain your body.

In a parallel (though not equivalent) way, we also need to abide with Jesus, the Bread of Life, so that our spiritual life will be sustained. A lot of people don't realize that their spiritual life is going to be starved by staying away from the Mass, but this absolutely happens, because the Eucharist is the ordinary way in which Jesus sustains our spiritual life on a day-to-day and week-to-week basis.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us that we need to follow Jesus closely in order to sustain our spiritual life. Jesus identifies Himself as the Good Shepherd, and a shepherd is there to lead the sheep into a place of protection at night, and out into feeding grounds during the day. Like sheep who follow their shepherd and receive his provision and protection, so we need to stay close to Jesus as He feeds us in the Eucharist.

God Bless You,

Fr. Dan

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

WE EXIST TO FORM
A COMMUNITY OF SPIRIT-FILLED
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF JESUS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUTH:

- Olivia Boucher
- Aaron Cook
- Myles Cook
- Lillian Fox
- Matthew Giannotti
- Marco Gonzalez
- Victoria Gonzalez
- James Gunawan
- Emily Holody
- Miriam Kangas
- Jude Lussier
- Stefano Patti
- Aubrey Smith

CONGRATUALTIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

- Casimir Anderson
- Adira Bevins
- Donovan Bevins
- Theodore Bradley
- Allison Burns
- Jack Butman
- Simon Center
- Elliot Champion
- Christopher Codouni
- Cecilia Comazzi
- Elizabeth Dahl
- Casey Gentit
- Henry Kangas
- Ignacio Kshetrimayum
- Margaret Reister
- Mayleen Salminen
- Matilda Sastre
- Georgette Sauter
- Eliayah Simmons
- Jeremiah Stamps
- Lillian Wakeman
- Liam Wells

COFFEE
&
CUPCAKES

CELEBRATE OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS & CONFIRMANDS!

Sunday, May 3 after the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses—join us for coffee, cupcakes, and a joyful celebration of our First Communicants and Confirmands!

First Communicants are welcome to wear their dresses and suits if they would like.

Our Parish is looking to fill two open positions. Please review the job descriptions, consider applying, or pass them along to someone who may be a good fit.

- **PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER**
- **MEN'S CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

Most importantly, please pray that the Lord provides the right candidates for these roles.

APPLY HERE

SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

MAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

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HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

MEN'S MINISTRY MORNING

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

“WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES” SERIES

- APRIL 27TH – Being Catholic in a Non-Catholic World
- MAY 4TH – Ecumenism and other Religions
- MAY 11TH – Eucharist, A Model for Virtue

MONDAYS AT 6:30
downstairs in the PLC

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YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

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FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

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Seminar on
Anxiety & OCD
from a Catholic Perspective
ELISABETH FLANAGAN, LMSW
Learn how to help others and yourself become free from anxiety and OCD.

SEMINAR ON ANXIETY & OCD FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Seeing others struggle with anxiety and OCD, or noticing it in yourself, can feel scary and overwhelming. This seminar will offer helpful, evidence-based information and practical tools so you feel more equipped. We will explore how to identify anxiety and what you can do to support yourself and others on the journey toward greater freedom and deeper trust in God.

MONDAY, APRIL 27
7:30 - 9:00 PM
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, ANN ARBOR
IN THE PARISH HALL

Remembering
OUR LITTLE ONES
Saturday May 2, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle
Ann Arbor

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PREBORN & STILLBORN CHILDREN

On Saturday, May 2, join others who share your sorrow for a Catholic Mass in recognition of your loss, no matter what the circumstances, no matter how long ago, no matter what your relationship to the child.

- Names read aloud in our Prayers of the Faithful
- Flowers for each small soul
- Memorial Candles
- Anointing and blessing offered after Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 2 AT 9:00 AM
THOMAS THE APOSTLE, ANN ARBOR
RSVP VIA THE QR CODE

Love, Your Little Saint in Heaven
Join Us For The Premiere Book Reading!

PREMIERE BOOK READING OF "LOVE, YOUR LITTLE SAINT IN HEAVEN"

Join us on May 2nd for the premiere book reading of Love, Your Little Saint in Heaven, a tender and faith-filled book for the whole family about finding peace and comfort in the midst of grieving the loss of an (unborn) infant. The author, parishioner Elisabeth Flanagan, and the illustrator, fellow parishioner Anna Njoku, will both be present and available to connect briefly after the reading. Copies will be available for purchase.

STURDAY, MAY 2 AT 11:00 AM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC
RSVP VIA THE QR CODE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS!

SJB parishioners are invited to enroll their children in this fun, faith-filled experience focused on the virtue of Fortitude and its daughter virtues: magnificence, industriousness, and patience.

Through Scripture, the lives of the saints, and hands-on activities, children will learn, create, sing, and grow as Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

JUNE 15 - 19
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
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FROM THE ASHES REVIVAL

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The Archdiocese of Detroit extends a warm invitation to Catholics across Michigan to join the ***Rising from the Ashes Revival***, a day to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and encounter Him more deeply in the Eucharist. Through inspiring speakers, vibrant praise and worship, and fellowship with Catholics from across the region, the day offers opportunities for prayer, formation, and community.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND
RISINGREVIVAL.ORG
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SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

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JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie

Fred Hall
Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt
Peter Wadaga
Susan Jose

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH
12:15 PM: Intentions of Allison Johnson
Requested by Eileen Meyer

TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH
6:00 PM: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Sr. Kelly MacDonald

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH
8:00 AM: † David Stramecky
Requested by Liz Richards

THURSDAY, APRIL 30TH
6:00 PM: For the Redente Grandchildren
Requested by Tony & Julie Redente

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST
3:00 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND
8:00 AM: Intentions of Melissa Florian
Requested by Melissa Florian

5:00 PM: † Howard P. Lenhardt Jr.
Requested by KofC 3230

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD
9:00 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: † Winifred Stolarski
Requested by David & Sue Stolarski

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

NORMAN L. STOLL
FUNERAL MASS ON
APRIL 24, 2026

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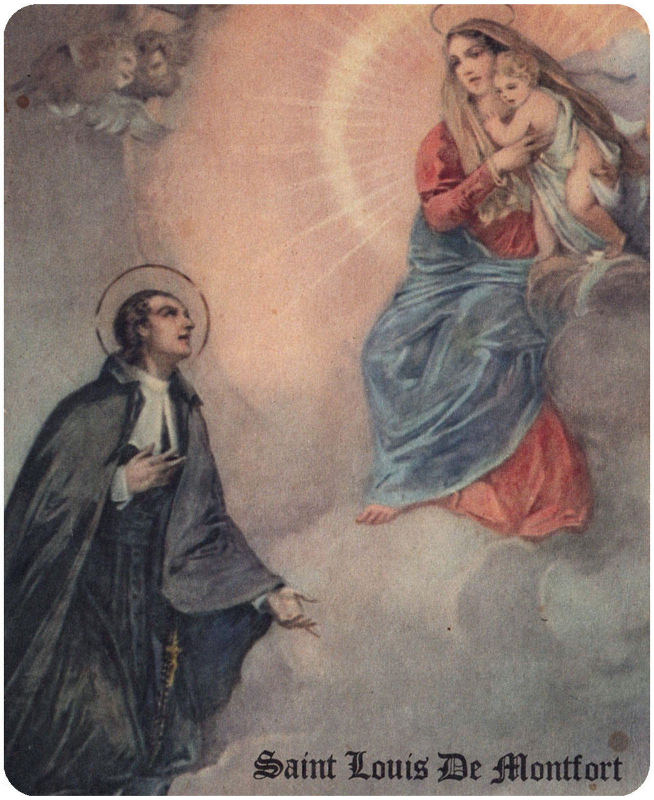
St. Louis de Montfort

APRIL 28,2026

Mary comes to dwell in the soul



"This devotion [giving oneself entirely to Mary and through her to Jesus] if fervently practised produces wonderful effects in the soul.

The principal effect is that *Mary comes to dwell in the soul* so that it is no longer the soul which lives, but Mary who lives in it and becomes, so to speak, the soul of the soul.

And what wonders will not Mary perform when by a truly ineffable grace she comes to reign as Queen in a soul?

She performs great wonders and she works especially in hearts, often unbeknown to the soul, because if the soul realised what was happening it would be in danger of losing, on account of vanity, all this beauty.

Mary is the fruitful Virgin, and in all the souls in which she comes to dwell *she causes to flourish purity of heart and body, rightness of intention and abundance of good works.*

Do not imagine that Mary, the most fruitful of creatures who gave birth to a God, remains barren in a faithful soul.

It will be she who makes the soul live incessantly for Jesus Christ, and will make Jesus live in the soul:

'My children, that I may give birth anew, that Christ may be formed in you' (Cf. Gal 2:20).

Just as Jesus, in coming into the world, willed to be the fruit of Mary's womb, so he is for each soul; and in those in which Mary lives most freely it can best be seen how he is their fruit and masterpiece. (...)

Since God came into the world, the first time, in humility and secrecy through Mary, may we not be sure that through Mary *he will* come also the second time, to reign over all, as the Church expects, and to judge the living and the dead?

No one know how or when it will happen; but I know that God, whose plans stand higher above ours than do the heavens above the earth, will come at the time and in the way least suspected by men, including those who are most versed in Sacred Scripture, which remains obscure on this point.

However I also believe that in the last days, and perhaps sooner than anyone thinks, God will raise up great men filled with the Holy Spirit and with the spirit of Mary, by means of whom the Divine Majesty will accomplish great wonders on the earth, destroying sin and establishing in this corrupt world the reign of Jesus Christ his Son."

From The True and Perfect Devotion, by St Louis Grignion de Montfort (1673-1716).

St. Louis de Montfort, Pray for us!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
MAY 2ND & MAY 3RD

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Carolyn Bradley	John Urbanic
Roger Michna	Stephen Bradley	Vince Zahm
Josh Reszke	Shawn Lenhardt	**Need Volunteer**
Need Volunteer	Christine Sullivan	**Need Volunteer**
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	**Need Volunteer**	Andy Winnie
Need Volunteer	**Need Volunteer**	Wendy Winnie
LECTORS		
Ellen Gibson	Van Vandagriff	Larry Donatelli
Mike Weathers	**Need Volunteer**	Melissa Florian
SACRISTAN		
Natalie Klackle	Maralee Meyer	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS		
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Jordan Wells	Joe Comazzi	Jack Netsch
Scott Wells	Augustine Lussier	Liam Netsch

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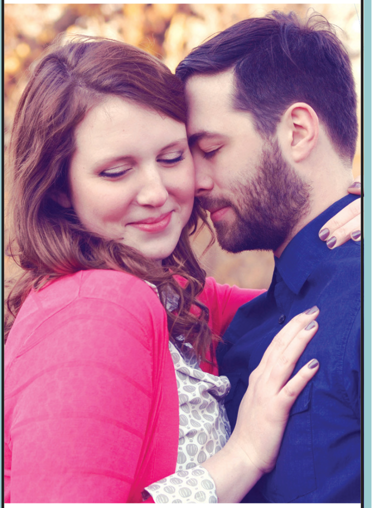

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